

New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
December 4, 2008, 11:00 a.m.  
Trenton, New Jersey

MINUTES

Patricia Costante, Acting Chair, Presiding  
NJPBA Two Hundred Forty-First Meeting

The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Board of Commissioners held a meeting on December 4, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the NJN Trenton studio. Acting Chair Patricia Costante presided over the meeting in Studio D. Participating in the meeting were Steven Fiske, Second Vice Chair (via telephone); Stephanie Hoopes Halpin, Treasurer (via telephone); Ed Carman, Chief of Staff, Department of Community Affairs (on behalf of Commissioner Joe Doria) (via telephone); Scott Kobler (via telephone); Phyllis Salowe-Kaye (via telephone); Dale Schmid, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, Department of Education (on behalf of Commissioner Lucille Davy) (via telephone); Robert Smartt, Ethics Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, (on behalf of State Treasurer David Rousseau) and David Wald, Communications Director, Department of Law and Public Safety (on behalf of Attorney General Anne Milgram) (via telephone). Also participating were Kent Manahan, Acting Executive Director, NJN; David Balaban, Deputy Attorney General, State of New Jersey; and the majority of the New Jersey Network and the NJN Foundation staff.

Acting Chair Patricia Costante called the meeting to order. She noted that in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law of the State of New Jersey, notice of this meeting has been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, has been posted on the appropriate bulletin boards maintained for such purposes by the Authority, and distributed by press release to all daily newspapers in New Jersey. Notice was made 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

Ms. Costante began the meeting by acknowledging the room full of staff participating in the meeting. She noted that the meeting would be brief yet important. As previously announced, the focus of the meeting was the appointment of Kent Manahan as Acting Executive Director. Ms. Costante told Ms. Manahan that she was very pleased that Ms. Manahan had agreed to act in this capacity. She then read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority is governed by N.J.S.A. 48:23-1 et seq. (the "Authority");

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:23-4, the Commissioners are the head of the Authority, and the Executive Director is its principal executive officer;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Christopherson resigned as Executive Director of the Authority, effective December 1, 2008;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:23-5, the Commissioners shall, subject to the approval of the Governor, appoint a new Executive Director;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, however, have not yet had the opportunity to search for, select, and appoint a new Executive Director;

WHEREAS, in the absence of an Executive Director, the Commissioners desire to hereby appoint an Acting Executive Director of the Authority, to temporarily assume all of the responsibilities of the Executive Director, until such time as the Commissioners shall select and appoint a new Executive Director or other Acting Executive Director;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** with a quorum of Commissioners present and voting, the Commissioners hereby resolve as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commissioners hereby appoint Kent Manahan to serve as Acting Executive Director of the Authority, until such time as the Commissioners shall select and appoint a new Executive Director or other Acting Executive Director.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that until the Commissioners select and appoint a new Executive Director or other Acting Executive Director, Kent Manahan shall have all powers and responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Authority, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:23-1 et seq. and the By-Laws of the Authority, dated December 2, 1992, as amended.

The motion was made by Scott Kobler and seconded by Steven Fiske. Ms. Costante then asked for any discussion. Mr. Kobler expressed his gratitude to Ms. Costante and articulated his full support of Ms. Manahan, NJN's management and NJN during these tough times. He also expressed his gratitude to Ms. Costante for her leadership as Acting Chair.

Ms. Costante thanked Mr. Kobler for his kind words and asked Ms. Manahan if she would like to say anything. Ms. Manahan thanked Ms. Costante and the Board for their confidence and the trust they had placed in her, she noted that she was deeply honored. She asked to defer any further comments until after the swearing in.

Ms. Costante then asked for a vote by roll call and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Costante asked for any other business and there was none. She therefore asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Bob Smartt, seconded by Phyllis Salowe-Kaye and carried unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned and followed by a swearing in ceremony for Kent Manahan, Acting Executive Director of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority.